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RUBBER : FOURTH MEETING OF THE INDIAN RUBBER BOARD TO BE HELD AT BANGALORE ON 24th November 1948 : DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE PERMITTED TO ATTEND.

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RUBBER - Fourth meeting of the Indian Rubber Board to be held at Bangalore on the 24th November 1948 - Director of Agriculture - Permitted to attend.

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Development Department.

G.O. (Ms) No. 5601. Dated, the 11th November 1948
READ - the following:-

From the Director of Agriculture, No. C1.1987-48 dated the 3rd November 1948.

ORDER:

His Excellency the Governor of Madras permits the Director of Agriculture to attend the Fourth meeting of the Indian Rubber Board to be held at Bangalore on Wednesday the 24th November 1948.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

K.G. MENON
Joint Secretary to Government

To the Director of Agriculture.
Copy to the Accountant-General, through the Finance Department.

for Superintendent,
Madras Record Office

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

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To
The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

No. C.A.1987/48 dated 30th November 1948.

Sub: INDIAN RUBBER BOARD - Meeting - 24th and 25th November 1948 - Report on.

I attended the fourth meeting of the Indian Rubber Board at Bangalore on the 24th and 25th instant. Four sub-committees dealt with the subjects on the agenda in the first instance and I served on the Development and Marketing Sub-Committee.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and the notes on the activities of the Board during the previous half-year were adopted. The policy regarding import of raw rubber to meet the requirements of gee rubber goods manufacturers was discuseed in great detail. The growers were of the opinion that the locally produced rubber was not purchased in a regular manner by the manufacturers who, by withdrawing from the market, were depressing the prices to the detriment of the growners. It was resolved that each manufacturers-who,should be allowed to import a quantity of rubber in porportion to his off-take of Indian grown rubber and that such import should be under a licence to be issued every quarter. The basic prices for rubber fixed by the Government of India were discussed in detail by the sub committees. The question of issuing a Rubber Bulletin was considered and it was decided that there was no need to issue regular bulletins at present and that it would be enough if pamphlets were issued on particular aspects of rubber production. An Editorial Committee was appointed for the purpose. It was also resolved to release to the press such information on production, consumption, etc., as would be of interest to the public.

3. The re-organisation of the office of the Rubber Board and the appointment of the Rubber Production Commissioner came in for a good deal of discussion. The Board decided that the Rubber Production Commissioner should be in sole charge of the technical work of the Board while the office could be run by the Secretary. It was also decided that the Field Officer should be given training for six months in the Malayalam Plantations Ltd., and that he should draw up a scheme for improvement of rubber production (including small holdings) in consultation with the Directors of Agriculture, Madras and Travancore and Mr. Hawkins of the Malabar Plantations. The training of students for rubber estates in rubber production was to be stopped as there was no demand from estates for employing those already trained. By another resolution the Board requested Travancore Government to exempt the rubber growers in the State from State Income-tax and to reduce the cost of food grains supplied to the labour on rubber estates to the level that obtained for the civilian population.

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Director of Agriculture.

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